



Kansas

Pratt Army Airfield

Facility and Location

Pratt Army Airfield (AAF) was a World War II Army Air Forces facility located about three miles north of the City of Pratt, Kansas. The mission of Pratt AAF was to process for overseas duty, especially as to equipment, the bombardment wings formed and trained under the Second Air Force. The function of Pratt AAF was to furnish housekeeping and administrative services to the bombardment groups which made Pratt AAF their temporary station while undergoing combat group training.

In 1942, 2,685 acres of land were acquired and used as an operational training airfield for the Air Transport Command. The airfield occupied Sections 8, 9, 10 (part), 15 (part), 16, and 17 of Township 27 South, and Range 13 West. Construction at the base included housing, a hospital, and other support facilities. The site also had a skeet range, an ordnance storage area, a chemical warfare area, a firing-in-butt, and a small arms range complex. The site was active and under DoD control until July 1946 when it was declared surplus.

Pratt AAF was officially inactivated on December 31, 1945 with no subsequent period of activation. After World War II ended, the airfield was converted to civil use and is now known as Pratt Industrial Airport. In 1947, the War Assets Administration assumed accountability for the facility and, in 1948, conveyed all interests to the city of Pratt by Quitclaim Deeds dated July 6, 1948 and August 12, 1948.

Media Sampled and Findings

Groundwater — In 2009, three of three samples detected perchlorate from 0.04 to 1.4 ppb.

Appropriate Actions

Not Applicable. All samples were below the EPA and DoD Preliminary Remediation Goal of 15 ppb.